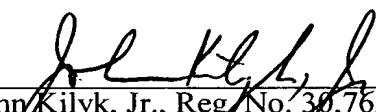


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been amended to reduce the official filing fee. No substantive amendments have been made to the claims, and the scope of the claims was not altered. No new matter has been added by way of these claim amendments. Please note that claim 1 was initially amended in the international (PCT) stage of the application, which amendment is reflected herein. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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